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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Timothy McDonough et al.

Application No. 09/699,517

Filed: October 31, 2000

For: USER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM
WITH AN ILLUMINATED
COMPUTER INPUT DEVICE

Group Art Unit: 2674

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed June 5, 2002 and is being filed within the original shortened statutory period for responding to the Action. Accordingly, no extension fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing. However, to the extent that any fees are required for this paper, please charge such fees to deposit account no. 19-0733.

Applicants request reconsideration in view of the remarks below.

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as allegedly being obvious over the combination of Hinckley et al. (US Pat. No. 6,396,477)(hereinafter "Hinckley") in view of Katrinecz, Jr. et al. (US Pat. No. 6,199,996)(hereinafter "Katrinecz").